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AMENDMENT C

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated MARCH 14, 2003. A petition for a two month extension of time is enclosed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the title:

--A deposit of biological material disclosed by this patent has been made on February 1, 2000 at the South African Sugar Association, of Mount Edgecombe, Kwazulu Natal, South Africa (Private Bag X02, Mount Edgecombe, 4300, South Africa). The material is sugarcane plant expression vectors pUSPc510 identified as SASA1 and pASPc510 identified as SASA2.--